

# *MEDIA ADVISORY* from



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## **POSTMUS, COUNTY OFFICIALS TO BRIEF MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ON COUNTY ADMINISTERED ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

VICTORVILLE—First District San Bernardino County Supervisor Bill Postmus will provide a news media briefing Wednesday on programs to help residents deal with spiraling energy costs.

The briefing will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 7, 2001, at the San Bernardino County Jobs and Employment Services Department at 15400 Cholame, Victorville. In addition to Supervisor Postmus and his staff, representatives from the County Departments of Community Services; Aging and Adult Services, and Economic and Community Development will also be on hand to present details on their programs.

Although some of the services are only a “quick fix,” stepping in to pay a utility bill in a “one-time-only” crisis situation, some, like weatherization programs, are longer term. The briefing will provide a list and background materials regarding county administered programs and services which may be of assistance to residents who meet the requirements.

“The people most affected by the utility rate increases are seniors on fixed incomes and the working poor,” Postmus added. “In the last several days my office has received numerous calls asking what, if anything, the county can do to help address this problem.

“Our hope is to offer some immediate relief until people can figure out how to reduce their energy consumption or find other means of coping with the rate increases.”

Additionally, Postmus will announce an “Energy Assistance Outreach” to be held February 23 in Victorville. The outreach will provide a one-stop setting for people interested in obtaining information on services.